EIGHT HUNDRED families in Wabach. Ind., were left without fuel during the prevalance of a blizzard with the thermometer near zero all day, on the 19th, by the bursting of a gas main leading to the gas field.

News from Australia says that dur ing the first two weeks of January the heat in New South Wales broke the record, the mercury running up as high as 122 degrees. Many deaths re-sulted and crops were cooked in the

WILLIAM E. GRIL, the evangelist of Doylestown, Pa., recently closed a two weeks' series of revival meetings at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Fifty thousand people attended. Somewhat more than 1,000 of his hearers were converted.

A BRITISH blue book just issued has a tabulated report from the embassies of the six powers showing that the total number of persons massacred in Armenia, concerning whose fate accurate information has been obtained, is

By the burning of a large factory building in Troy, N. Y., on the 17th, a number of employes, thought by some to be at least 30, mostly young girls, perished in the flames or were killed by jumping from fifth-story windows to the pavement .

THE urgent deficiency appropriation bill, as agreed to by the conference committee of the two houses of congress, appropriates \$6,305,436, or about \$2,000,000 more than the house bill, and \$240,000 more than the bill as it passed the senate provided for.

A COMPANY of Alsatians belonging to the Sixty-ninth German infantry, in garrison at Treves, Rhenish Prussia, deserted in a body, on the 19th, and marched across the frontier into France. They were disarmed, but were allowed their freedom.

It was reported in Constantinople, on the 16th, that Russia alone objected to the United States having a dispatch boat there. Hon. A. W. Terrell, American minister, had referred the matter to Washington for settlement with the government at St. Petersburg.

THE fifth annual congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution began its sessions in Washington city, on the 18th, behind closed doors. There was a large attendance of bright-faced, intelligent ladies present from nearly every state in the

A DISPATCH from Shanghai, on the 20th, said it was believed there that Russia intends to establish a protectorate over Corea, and that England and the United States will strenuously resist such action. In the meantime the Japanese are making active preparations in their navy.

THE porte agreed, on the 17th, to comply with the request made by United States Minister Terrell to suspend action in the case of Mr. Knapp, he American missionary whose arrest upon charges of sedition was recently attempted at Bitlis, until Mr. Knapp arrives in Constantinople.

A DELEGATION of mining men from Colorado arrived in New York city, on the 19th, to attend the opening of New York's first mining exchange. The party was accompanied by a bullion ar laden with exhibits from the Cripple Creek country, and containing bul-lion to the value of \$200,000.

JUDGE VALIANT, of St. Louis, desided the famous Post-Dispatch injunction case on the 17th. The injunction is made permanent, and gives Col. C. H. Jones absolute control of the Post-Dispatch newspaper during the life of his contract with Mr. Pulitzer, which runs four years longer.

THE committee of the New York legislature which has investigated the greater New York question reported, on the 20th, in favor of the consolidation of New York, Brooklyn and Long Island City, and suggested a commission to prepare a charter. The consolidation is to take effect January 1,

THE house committee on territories, m the 19th, reconsidered the action taken at the last meeting of the committee by which a motion to report the Arizona statehood bill was defeated by a vote of six to five, which leaves the bill without prejudice and in the ame position it occupied before action was taken.

PRESIDENT PORTER of the Traders' sational bank of Scranton, Pa., swore out a warrant before United States Commissioner Colburn, on the 20th, for the arrest of A. B. Williams, late eashier of the bank, charging him with embezzling \$36,000 of the institution's funds. Williams was taken into castody and held for a hearing.

THE senate committee on immigraon, on the 18th, reported a bill providing for the illiteracy test, under which immigrants who can not read and write a portion of the constitution of the United States, printed in their own language, will be sent back at the expense of the steamship or railroad company responsible for their pros-

Ir was semi-officially reported, or le 18th, that the state department was correspondence with the British reign office looking to the appointent of a joint commission to investi-ste all the conditions connected with seal industry in Behring sea, and rulations are necessary for the pre-tration of the scals.

MENT DIAZ of Mexico, has tenand the friendly offices of his govern-to bring about a renewal of dip-satic relations between Great Brit-and Venezuela, and particularly to what is known as the Yuruan

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

LIV. CONGRESS.

(First Session.) THE senate was not in session on the 15th.... In the house, the agricultural appropriation bill being under consideration, several members, chiefly democrats, made scathing attacks upon Secretary Morton of the agricultural department for his refusal to execute the

tural department for his refusal to execute the purpose of congress to distribute seed among the farmers of the country Several of the speakers included Comptroller Bowier in their denunciations, and demanded that the lines defining the duties of the executive department of the government be more closely drawn. Senate amendments to several house bills are consumed in

In the senate, on the 17th, the committee on privileges and elections reported in favor of Mr. Dupont, of Delaware. Mr. Hoar offered a memorial making the 24th of June a national holiday in commemoration of the first sighting of the North American coast by John and Seeastian Cabot in 1497. Mr. Davis spoke for an hour and a half in support of the Mouroe doc-trine. The military appropriation bill was then taken un....In the house consideration of the agricultural bill and the attack upon of the agricultural bill and the attack upon Secretary Morton were resumed. Several amendments were agreed to, and when the house adjourned the pending question was an amendment to the bill providing for the purchase and distribution of seed.

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In the senate, on the 18th, the military academy bill was considered three hours and passed. The pension appropriation bill was also taken up and passed.... In the house the agricultural appropriation bill was, after a three days' debate, finally disposed of. Amendments incorporated in the bill make it mandatory upon the secretary to purchase and distribute seed, and the appropriation for seed was increased from \$130,000 to \$150,000. The Indian appropriation bill was reported from committee, and the executive, legislative and judicial appropriation bill was ordered filed with the clerk.

In the senate, on the 19th, the diplomatic and

In the senate, on the 19th, the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was passed and the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill was agreed to. The remainder of the session was agreed to. The remainder of the session was spent in the passage of private pension bills.... In the house the bill to extend for four years the time within which the government may institute suits to annul land grants filegally or erroneously issued was passed. The agreement of the conferees on the urgent deficiency bill was reported and concurred in. The unanimous report of the committee on ways and means against the passage of the ways and means against the passage of the bill to regulate the issue of liquor licenses was submitted and ordered printed and the army appropriation bill was passed,

In the senate, on the 20th, the session was occupied with a discussion of the resolution for recognition of the belligrent rights of the Cuban insurgents and the allternative resolution for the recognition of Cuban indepen-dence. The feeling developed on the floor and in the galleries was enthusiastically in favor of the more stringent action, even with its pos-sible result of war with Spain.... In the house dian appropriation bill occupied most of the session. The general pension appropriation bill was sent to conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, and the senate amend-ments to the diplomatic and consular bill were

PERSONAL AND GENERAL

THE three-year-old daughter of Wiliam Wilson, of Canfield, O., while playing with sulphur matches, ate off the heads and died from the effects of the poison within two hours of

GEN. WEYLER'S latest proclamations have evoked a storm of indignation in of the flora and fauna of that region. the eastern press. A general demand has gone forth from the leading coast cities for the recognition of the insurgents as belligerents.

MISS CATHERINE MARTIN WESTON FULLER, daughter of Chief-Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court, and Mr. Theodore Smith Beecher, a young Buffalo lawyer, were married at Washington on the 17th.

An examination of the steamship St. Paul in dry dock at Newport News, Va., demonstrated that the big vessel was practically uninjured by her recent mishap.

MRS. SUSAN MANLEY, wife of Hon. Joseph Manley, of Augusta, Me., died, on the 17th, after an illness of two weeks of pneumonia. W. P. EMERY, of Topeka, Kas., has

patented a paper brick which may work a revolution in the pavement of streets and walks. It is made of straw and wood pulp. It is made the same as brick, and at one-third the cost. The inventor says, with the wheat straw that annually goes to waste in Kansas, he can pave the streets of every town in New England.

Ar ten o'clock on the morning of the 18th three men, one of whom was masked, entered the Market-street bank of San Francisco, closed the outer door of the bank, forced the cashier and bookeeper into a steel vault, and escaped with a tray containing a large quantity of gold and one tray of silver.

THEY had a touch of winter in the east and northeast on the 17th. By way of example the thermometer at Saranac Lake, N. Y., recorded 49 below

THE Vulcan coal mine, located in the hog back just below the town of Newcastle, Col., was completely wrecked and set on fire by a terrific gas explosion, on the 18th, and it was believed that 60 workmen in the mine were instantly killed.

THE four-year-old son of John Ireland was burned to death in the fismes which destroyed his father's home in

Munger, O., on the 18th.

MRS. MARTIN F. CONWAY, whose husband was the first representative in congress from Kansas, died at the mirers at the home of Dr. Linn. The home of her daughter in Lawrence, affair was also the celebration of Miss Kas., on the 17th, at a very great age. MATANZAS intelligence, on the 18th, announced the appearance near Gua-mutas, of a new band of filibusters, led by Capt. Jones, an American.

BILL NYE was stricken with paralysis at his home at Buck Sheals, eight miles from Asheville, N. C., on the night of the 18th, and his condition was such he lost the money in a bucketshop in that his physicians feared he could not Boston.

a regularly ordained clergyman be appointed to serve as chaplain in a civilian capacity for a term of four years.

Private William H. Iams, who gained unenvisible notoriety for insubordination during the great strike at Homestead, Pa., was reported, on the 19th, to be dying in a Baltimore (Md.) hospital from a bullet wound in the abdomen, received during an ultertational control of the street of the stree

Our of work, out of money and served with a disposses, notice, James McCartney, a New York bartender, shot himself through the head, in his apartments, on the 18th, while standing with his wife's arms around his neck. Their six children were asleep in the pext room at the time.

BESIDES the sum of £9,500,000 which will be asked by the British admiralty for the construction of four battleships, four first-class cruisers, four third-class cruisers and 60 torpedo destroyers, the government will ask parliament for a large sum for guns and

A JOINT resolution to revive the grade of lieutenant-general of the United States army was introduced in the senate, on the 19th, by Mr. Elkins, of West Virginia, and referred to the committee on military affairs. THE board of inquiry that investi-

gated the grounding of the steamship St. Paul exonerated Capt, Jamieson of any culpability in the matter. THE vote on the Arizona statehood bill has been reconsidered in the house committee on territories, and it now

the vote sidetracking it was taken.

THE pardon of ex-United States Consul Waller, a prisoner in France on conviction of treason in Madagascar, was sent to President Faure, on the 19th, for signature.

stands unprejudiced, as it did before

THE young king of Corea has arrived at St. Petersburg with the object of seeking the protection of Russia for his country.

A DISPATCH from Havana says that 30 days is the limit which Gen. Weyler has set for the wiping out of the revo-lution. He promised a delegation of sugar planters that by March 15 the country would be cleared of the insur-

THE city of Guthrie, Okla., retains title to Noble park, containing almost 18 acres, in West Guthrie, by a decision rendered by Secretary Smith, affirming a lower ruling. A FIRE occurred during a masked

ball at San Tarem, Portugal, and in the ensuing panic many lives were lost. Forty dead bodies were recovered. J. T. LAMBORN, a wealthy farmer, was found murdered in his house at

Fall Leaf, Kas., on the 19th. The murderers literally chopped the old man to pieces. They left no clew. THE grand lodge of Kansas has de cided to establish a Masonic home it robberies at Pierce City. that state. The location has not beer

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND in denying pardon, on the 20th, to F. M. O. Holston, convicted of forgery in a pension case, said he was decidedly in favor of strict punishment "in a case like this which involves the swindling of the poor and needy veteran and prostitution of the benevolent intentions of the government as embodied in its pension law."

An expedition bound for the interior of Labrador will leave Philadelphia, in June, for the purpose of studying the Esquimeaux and collecting specimens Prof. Frank Russell, curator of the University of Iowa, will accompany the expedition as archeologist.

On the 20th the president signed the act to extend the mineral land laws of the United States to lands embraced in the north half of the Col ville Indian reservation.

THE secretary of the interior, on the 20th, approved school indemnity selections embracing 15,735 acres of land inuring to the state of Minnesota, sitnated in the Marshal, St. Cloud and Deluth land districts.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE senate was not in session on the 21st....In the house senate amendments to the military academy appropriation bill were agreed to, and the following senate bills were passed: To amend section 5294, Revised Statutes, so as to empower the secretary of the treasury to remit or mitigate forfeitures under his jurisdiction as well as fines and penalties, and to amend the law regulating the establishing of final proof in timber culture entries. In committee of the whole the Indian appropriation bill was further considered. An evening session was held for the consideration of private pension bills, and the house adjourned to the 24th

JOHN L. WALLER, ex-United States consul at Madagascar, who was courtmartialed and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment under conviction of having illegally communicated with the Hovas, arrived at Paris, on the 21st, having been pardoned and released from Nimes prison the day previous.

THE British government has ap proved the course pursued by the British South Africa Co,, and, on the the 21st, appointed Earl Gray to act conjointly with Cecil Rhodes in the administration of the affairs of the territory controlled by the company in south Africa.

On the eve of her departure from and passing counterfeit dollars. He lochester, N. Y., for California, Miss says he is innocent. Rochester, N. Y., for California, Miss Susan B. Anthony, was, on the 20th. tendered a reception by 200 of her adaffair was also the celebration of Miss Anthony's sixty-eighth birthday an-

ALBERT I. FOSTER, for five years tax collector at Concord, N. H., was arrested, on the 21st, on two complaints charging him with the embezzlement of \$16,000 of the funds received by him. He admitted his guilt, and said

FAILURES throughout the United The president, on the 19th, approved the bill abolishing the post of chap-lain and professor at the West Point 280, as against 303 for the corresponding on Sunday under the old Sundry military academy and providing that

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

of Interest to Wheat Growers. The Missouri agricultural college has ssued a bulletin of much value to all iterested in wheat.

Interested in wheat.

It gives the results of the experiments made by the college for a number of years. The summary of results reads as follows:

The varieties producing the highest yield for four or more years were as follows, and in the order named: Fultz, extra early red. Currell's prolific, Hindcostan, Jones' winter fife, American bronze and Missouri blue stem, all of which had an average yield of more than 30 bushels per acre.

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The varieties producing the highest average yield for three years were as follows, and in order named: Wharton's favorite. Everitt's high grade, Michigan ambor, red challenge and hybrid Mediterranean, all of which gave as average yield of more than 32 bushels.

average yield of more than \$2 bushels.

The varieties producing the highest average yield for two years only were: Extra early Oakley, Coriall and Democrat, all of which had an average yield above 35 bushels.

The varieties producing the highest yield for one year only were: Ruby, valley, swamp and longberry, all of which produced more than 36 bushels per acre.

The yield and quality of a crop of wheat may be increased by the use of superior seed. A

The yield and quality of a crop of wheat may be increased by the use of superior seed. A mixture of varieties hat resulted in an increased yield over the average of the same varieties grown separately. While the tests were made on different phots of ground each year, the soil did not vary in character to any great extent, being an upland limestone clay loam of average fertility.

Of Interest to Teachers. The teachers' course in the state university, Columbia, will begin April 1 and extend to June. This is free of charge to all teachers of the

This is free of charge to all teachers of the public schools in the state. The following line of studies will be included this year: Science and the art of education, educational psychology, English language, literature, mathematics, physiology and hygiene, physical geography and drawing.

The success of the school of last year caused the university authorities to assesses a second of the success of the school of last year caused the university authorities to assesses a second of the school of last year caused the university authorities to assesses a second of the school of last year caused the university authorities to assesses and the school of last year caused the university authorities to assess the school of last year caused the university authorities to assess the school of last year.

the university authorities to arrange a school for next summer, beginning June 1 and closing August 23. The work will be strictly for the benefit of those who are, or expect to be, pub-

A Justice in Trouble.

Justice of the Peace Z. W. Mosby, of Eolia, Pike county, was arraigned be-fore United States Commissioner Moore, at Hannibal, on the charge of sending a postal card through the mails, addressed to Mrs. Sarah A. Smith, of Cyrene, Pike county, threatening to have her son arrested if he did not settle a certain matter. He furnished bond.

Robberies at Pierce City. There seems to be an epidemic of

knocked down and robbed in the suburbs Later F. J. Dunn. a retired merchant, was "slugged" and badly beaten. Henry Rathman or Friestatt, was assaulted while driving ou of town and shot in the head. He was robber of \$95, which had been paid him on a money of der. He was not dangerously wounded.

Population of the Penitentiary. The count of convicts at the peniten tiary, February 19, showed 2,229. This figure was only reached once before in the history of the institution. That was June 20, 1895, when there was exactly the same number of inmates. The prison officials expect an increase until probably next June, and it may amount to from 150 to 200 additional convicts in

excess of those discharged. The Kansas City Times. Receiver Wiley O. Cox bought in the property of the Kansas City Times Newspaper Co., which was sold under the auctioneers hammer, for \$82,300. The bonded indebtedness of the Times company is \$200,000. Mr. Cox, who is a prominent banker, will run the prop-

erty for himself personally. The First Rope Broke. The first rope used in hanging James Fitzgerald, in St. Louis, broke, and after being revived at the morgue, he was carried to the scaffold and executed. Fitzgerald was charged with killing his sweetheart, Anna Niessen. He

protested his innocence. A Gifted Orator Drops Dead. Dr. Wm. H. Folmsbee dropped dead on a street in Gallatin from paralysis of the heart. He was 69, and one of the pioneers of Daviess county, and quite well known throughout northwest Missouri as a gifted orator.

An Old Resident of Farmington Mrs. Evelyn Beal died at Farmington, of pneumonia, where she had been a resident since 1850. She was the the foremost lawyers of southeast Missouri.

Massowah to join Gen. Baratieri's forces in the interior.

Shot Her Lover Then Herself. Barbara Kastl, aged 17, shot her lover, John Rohlfing, aged 20, and then killed herself, in a room 314 Olive street, St. Louis, and when discovered. they were both dead. It was a case of a woman scorned.

A Covention Auditorium. The Business Men's league of St. Louis will erect a convention auditorium on a site just south of the new city hall, in which the republican national convention will be held.

Charged With Counterfelting. John W. Smith, of Princeton, Mercer county, has been taken to St. Joseph and locked up on the charge of making

His Wound Proved Fatal. Charlie Jackson, a negro who played "Peeping Tom" at Fayette, and who was shot in the mouth by Sol Hieronymous, died the other day from the effects of the wound.

Alleged Murderer Escapes.

William B. Emerson, who was in jail at Osceola for killing Ike Ray, made his escape the day. It is believed that he was furnished a key from the out-

Mrs. Lucinda Kennedy died, the other night, at her home, in Barry county. She was born near West

Fifty Years a Church Mem Mrs. Martha Lockridge, a native of floward county, aged 73, died the other day. She was a member of the Chris-tion church for 60 years.

Port, Ky., December 16, 1792.

DUN'S TRADE REVIEW.

The Easteration of the Trensury Reserve and the Else in Hends Strengthens Pub-lle Confidence Without Any Apparent Disposition to Expand Business - Prices of Commedities as a Whole at the Low-est Average Ever Known. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.-Dun & Co. in

their weekly review of trade this morning say:
Liabilities in failures during the first two weeks of February were \$7,680,393, against \$3,550,986 last year.
Manufacturing liabilities were \$3,163,986, against \$1,503,319 last year, while

trading were \$3,842,053, against \$3,353,019 last year. Failures for the week have been 280 in the United States against 302 last year, and 66 in Canada against 36 last year.

The restoration of the treasury reserve has been effected with remarkably little monetary disturbance. The rapid rise in the price of bonds strengthens public confidence. Prompt action in the house on the silver bill has helped to increase foreign confidence in American securities. In no complete branch of business is there yet apparent much disposition to expand. Prices of commodities as a whole are now at the lowest average

September 3, 1895.

Hides, leather and their products, textile goods and iron products have declined much since that date, and

ever known, though only one-half of one per cent. below the average of

meats are also lower.

Receipts of wheat continue heavy and depress prices, February delivery to 72%, although what is nominally called a cash price is 7% cents higher. Corn is one cent lower for cash, western receipts having been large. Cotton again declined a quarter cent, with large realizing, reported sales aggregating a million bales for the week. Specula-tive estimates are persistently re-peated, but receipts do not favor them, nor is actuall consumption encourage ing as declining prices of goods show In almost all manufactured products decline continues, though in some classes quotations are so irregular that the change cannot be accurately measured. Bessemer pig iron and grey forged are a shade lower at Pittsburgh, and structural beams and products are comparatively small, and some fur-naces in that region have been banked.

Textile manufacturers fail as yet to meet the demand expected and prices are generally weak, open reductions averaging two per cent. for cotton goods, and since January 1, about nine per cent. Dress goods and blankets are in fair demand, but men's woolens are inactive, and actual transactions are in many cases five to ten cents below open quotations. Sales of wool for the week were 30 per cent. smaller than last year. Prices do not decline, as the foreign market remains strong.

The volume of domestic trade reflected by clearings is 33.7 per cent. larger than last year. Railroad earnings in February thus far are 13.6 per cent. larger than last year. Stocks weakened until Thursday, but then advanced and closed about eighteen cents per share higher for railroads.

Exports of products in two weeks of ebruary have been seven per cent. larger than last year, with prospects of increase in grain, though cotton bills are growing fewer. The imports no longer show the increase formerly observed, but for two weeks have been 18.6 per cent. larger than last year.

TEN THOUSAND SOLDIERS

To be Sent to Abyssinia to Reinferce the

Italian Army There. ROME. Feb. 33 -The minister of war has received the report of Gen. Baratieri, commanding the Italian forces in Abyssinia, in regard to the recent combats between the Italians and the rebe bands near Adigrat. In these fights the Italians lost 97 killed and from thirty to forty wounded, and the ene-

my's losses were about equal to those of the Italians. The report was laid before the cabinet, which, yesterday, authorized Sig. Crispi to send to Abyssinia immedately whatever reinforcements may be necessary. Ten thousand men are alwidow of I. G. Beal, formerly one of ready in readiness to be embarked for

ADJUDGED INSANE.

Committed to an Asylum.
CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Ex-Alderma Salo W. Poth, who, as secretary of two building and loan associations, in responsible for a shortage of \$32,000 in the funds, was adjudged insane yesterday by a jury in the county court and ordered by the judge com-mitted to the asylum at Wauwataso, Win This judicial disposition of the case precludes a criminal prosecution for the defalcation, but the associations will endeavor to recover the loss from the estate, which is estimated at less than fifty thousand dollars. The evidence showed that Roth had been suffering from melancholia more than

A Bill to Abolish the Fee System and WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The house committee on the judiciary yesterday agreed on a bill to abolish the fee sys tem of the United States district attorneys and marshals and substitute salaries. Under it no salary or compe tion of any officer will be increased be yond the amount paid under existing

VENEZUELAN COMMISSION

Engaged in Studying Papers Be WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The Ven meeting yesterday on account of the absence from the city of Mr. Condert and Prof. Gilman, but Justices Brewer and Alvey and Dr White were in consultation at the commission's office with the geographical export and as upon other days of the past two weeks were sugaged in studying the papers bearing on the controversy which have accumulated in vact proportions. THE MAIN OBSTACLE

WASHINGTON. Peb. 22.—The Cuban correspondence which, in printed form, reached congress Thursday, containing some interesting discussion in regard to the protection of the property of American eltizens in Cuba. The Solodad sugar plantation, near the city of Clenfuegos, is owned by Mr. Edwin F. Atkins, of Boston, Mass. In the latterpart of June last the insurgent forces, being active in the neighborhood, Martines Campos directed Gen. Arderins to send a squaed of soldlers to the plantation and to throw up defensive works in the neighborhood of the sugar house. But the manager of the plantation, apparently fearful that this course, if permitted by him, would bring down upon him reprisals on the part of the insurgents, refused either to receive the soldlers or to assist in the preparations of the defensive works, intorming the Spanish general that as the plantation was the proporty of an American citizen be proposed to observe a perfect neutrality between the Spanish government and the insurgents. This action on the part of the manager was complained of by Gen. Campos as implying a recognition of the insurgents, and the whole matter as well as similar complaints from other American landowners near Sancti Spiritus was referred to the state department by Acting Consul-General Springer at Havana. Replying to him, Acting Secretary of State Uhl, on the list of July last, laid down the law as follows:

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"It is a generally accepted principle of international law that a sovereign government is not ordinarily responsible to alien residents for injuries that they may receive within its territories from insurgents whose conduct it can not control. Within the limits of usual effective control, law-abiding residents have a right to be protected in the ordinary affairs of life and intercourse, subject, of course, to military necessities, should their property be situated within the zone of active operations. The Spanish authoritive operations. The Spanish authorities are reported to be using strenuous endeavors to prevent the class of spoliations which the writers apprehend, It appears that Waller's rele and notification of any particularly promised by the authorities apprehended danger from the insurgents would probably be fol-lowed by the adoption of special safeguards by the authorities. In the event, however, of injury, a claim would necessarily have to be ble proof that the responsible officers of the Spanish government being in a position to prevent such injury have failed to use due diligence to do so."

This statement, which was subsequently repeated by Acting Secretary Adee, though in entire accord with the uniform practice of the department, was read with expressions of surprise Thursday by members of the house committee on foreign affairs. Several members of that committee de-clared, without reserve, that this position of the state department virtually gave the American case away, so far as our ability to recover damages from the Spanish government is concerned, in the event that the United States should decline to recognize Cuban belligerency. One of the strong influences against such recognition has been the belief that it would present an effective bar to claims against the Spanish government for injuries received by American citizens in Cuba. According to the foregoing interpreta-tion of the department, such claims can not be collected under any ordi-nary circumstances, and thus, in the opinion of influential members of the house, a great obstacle to Cuban recoguition is removed.

THERE ARE CRIMES

For the Perpetrators of Which the Presi dent Has No Mercy to Spare.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-Presider Cleveland has commuted the sentence of three years imposed on John Moore, convicted in Arkansas of introducing liquor into the Indian country, and tenced in October, 1894, to the Kings county (N. Y.) penitentiary, to imprisonment for two years, with all deductions for good behavior.

He has denied pardons to Jacob A. Kemp, a post office employe, convicted in Minnesota, of stealing valuable let ters from the mail, and to Plenty Bran-don, convicted in Kentucky for issuing money orders to himself for the purpose of selling them.

In Kemp's case the president's in-dorsement in part is as follows: dorsement in part is as follows:

"The stealing of mail matter by those who, like this prisoner, are the trusted agents of the government is far too common, and I do not regard the sentence in this case in any sense undeserved or severe. I am not willing to give currency to the belief that elemency may be expected by those who commit such crimes."

Distinct School, to He that Himself.
CLEVELAND, O., Felt. 22.—A specia
to the Press from Pressont, O., says Fred Descriptions, 15 years tild, committed suicide Thursday by shooting. He was supposed to be at school satilhis body was found behind an out-house. The only cause satigmed is his dislike for school.

Israe sarotes, Ind., Feb. 22.—The Sallies & Krause planting mill and lumber yards on Market street were destroyed by fire. The fames broke out at a m., and within an hour overy thing communities and gone up 7

MALLER'S DELTA

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Mr. Waller expressed great anxiety to learn the details of the conditions of peace which, the French had imposed

promised by the authorities night ago. Failing in the mean night ago. Failing in the meantime to get the notification of the decree of pardon signed United States Ambasan-dor Eustis, on February 19, called upon M. Herthelot, uninstant foreign affairs, at the foreign office, and as the result of the interview between the result of the interview between the two President Faure signed Waller's pardon Thursday morning. An official immediately conveyed the news to the American embassy, which immediately cabled the information to the state department at Washington in a cipher dispatch and also notified Waller of the fact that the president had

signed his pardon.

The release of Waller is being with discussed in diplomatic circles which it is the consensus of opin that the granting of the parden is a tribute on the part of France to Am-bassador Eustis, who is highly so teemed at the foreign office.

OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG.

Miles Talks of It to the Wa WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The feat of the Washington birthday celebra-tion at the Eastern high school was an address by Gen. Nelson A. Miles. "My young friends," he said, "the flag is nothing in itself, but it is great as an indication of the principles it

fing—a dragon—the symbol of atre-and numbers, but, he added, it has demonstrated recently how little avails without intellect and train In describing the flag of the United States, he referred to the white as a token of purity, the red as showing the sacrifice of blood to sustain the flag in the air, and the blue ac union and

loyalty.
"It is especially fitting," continued
Gen. Miles, "that the fing should final
avery school and colucational in-Gen. Miles, "that the fing should finat over every school and solucational institution in the country. The purpose of it is that you should see it, love and respect it, and, if used be, die for it, in order to preserve it. Should danger threaten, and if ensuries, inland or foreign, should attempt to lower it, I street you to defend it to the last degree on land and waving billow."

In reply the principal of the school, Mr. C. M. Lacey Sites, made a speech, in which he paid a glowing tribute to Gen. Miles as one of the heroes who have upheld the fing on the battle-field during the most third of a century. In conclusion he said:

"Boys and girls, I call on you to.

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"Boys and girls, I call on you to pledge with me, in the greature of Gen. hilles, once again, everlasting loyalty to the flag."

Three ringing choers were given for the flag, for Washington and for Miles, amid the waying of many fags.